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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Status of Women and
4 Information Technology; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of
5 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain
6 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
7 Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - State Government
10 Section 9-801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Task Force on the Status
11 of Women and Information Technology"
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - State Government

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SUBTITLE 8. TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY.

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4 9-801.

5 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION
6 TECHNOLOGY.

7 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

8 (1) ONE MEMBER FROM THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY
9 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

10 (2) ONE MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
11 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

12 (3) TWO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND, ONE
13 TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE TO BE APPOINTED
14 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

15 (4) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
16 DEVELOPMENT, OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

17 (5) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION,
18 OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

19 (6) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
20 COMMISSION, OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

21 (7) THE ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE DIVISION OF
22 CAREER TECHNOLOGY AND ADULT LEARNING, STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
23 OR THE ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

24 (8) THE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION
25 TECHNOLOGY, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

26 (9) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN,
27 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

28 (10) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

29 (I) ONE BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR WHO IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
30 OFFICER OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPANY;

31 (II) TWO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS,
32 AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM IS A WOMAN;

33 (III) ONE HUMAN RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MAJOR
34 CORPORATION WHO HIRES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKERS;

1 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY
2 THAT REPRESENTS TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION;

3 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM;

5 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A 4-YEAR EDUCATIONAL
6 INSTITUTION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM;

7 (VII) ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER; AND

8 (VIII) TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS MAJORING IN INFORMATION
9 TECHNOLOGY, PREFERABLY WOMEN.

10 (C) EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE
11 AUGUST 1, 2004.

12 (D) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE
13 SHALL BE MADE TO ENSURE REGIONAL, ECONOMIC, ETHNIC, AND GENDER
14 DIVERSITY ON THE TASK FORCE.

15 (E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

16 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS
17 MEMBERS.

18 (G) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE MAY:

19 (1) ESTABLISH COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE
20 DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; AND

21 (2) APPOINT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE
22 TO SERVE ON EACH COMMITTEE.

23 (H) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL
24 PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCE.

25 (I) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
26 SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
27 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN
28 THE STATE BUDGET.

29 (J) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

30 (1) STUDY THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE DECLINING INVOLVEMENT OF
31 GIRLS AND WOMEN IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY;

32 (2) STUDY THE IMPACT THIS DECLINE HAS ON THE OVERALL
33 TECHNOLOGY LITERACY OF MARYLAND'S WORKFORCE;

1 (3) STUDY THE IMPACT OF THIS DECLINE ON THE FUTURE OF THE
2 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE IN MARYLAND;

3 (4) CREATE AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ON THE ISSUE OF
4 WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINDINGS OF THIS TASK FORCE;

5 (5) IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, LAWS,
6 AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IDENTIFYING PRACTICES THAT BEST
7 ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

8 (6) INVESTIGATE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT
9 WILL BETTER MEET THE STATE'S WORKFORCE DEMANDS IN ALL CAREER AREAS
10 WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS USED;

11 (7) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN AND
12 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND STRATEGIES FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
13 AND PUBLIC PROMOTION OF THE PLAN; AND

14 (8) FACILITATE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE
15 AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF
16 THE PLAN.

17 (K) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PRESENT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS
18 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246
19 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE
20 OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June
23 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
24 abrogated and of no further force and effect.